## Judge Turns Down Rewald Bail Cut

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Ronald R. Rewald, his arms hanging limp at his sides, his head drooping dejectedly, sat motionless yesterday while his attorney argued that his massive \$10 million bail on two theft charges should be reduced:

After a two-hour hearing, however, Judge Robert Chang refused to lower the bail, ruling that it was needed to assure that Rewald would appear at his court trial on the theft charges.

Those charges stem from complaints by two investors of his bankrupt company. Bishop, Baldwin, Rewald. Dillingham & Wong, that Rewald spent the \$300,000 they invested.

For the first time, details of Rewald's attempted suicide were made public yesterday when police reports were entered as evidence during the bail hearing.

To show that Rewald might attempt anything, including suicide, to avoid facing trial, city Deputy Prosecutor Peter Carlisle entered as evidence the police report of Rewald's suicide attempt. The report included a copy of a note police said Rewald wrote before the attempted suicide.

ACCORDING to the report, an assistant manager at the Sheraton Waikhi Hotel was making rou-

tine rounds at about 4 p.m. on July 30 to make sure guests had checked out as scheduled when she came across a horrible scene in Room 1632.

The room was covered with blood, and a man lay on the bathroom floor, his head propped up against the tub. She thought he was dead, the report said.

In moments, security officers arrived. One walked up to the man and could see his eyes were open. He asked the man, who was extremely pale and still, if he was all right and the man mumbled something incomprehensible.

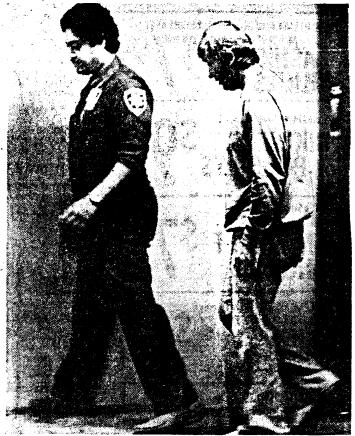
The report said that, before an ambulance arrived, a security guard placed a pillow under the man's head and covered him with a blanket. He urged the man to "stay with us," according to the report.

A bloody razor blade protruded from a case on the bathroom counter it said.

When police arrived, the man mumbled to officers that he wished he were dead, the report says.

A few minutes later the injured man was rushed barely alive to Queen's Hospital and in the days to follow. Ronald Rewald's name and that of his bankrupt company, would become household words.

The report also contained a Turn to Page A-10, Col. 2



BACK TO PRISON—Ronald R. Rewald is led from Circuit Court by a guard yesterday after a judge refused to reduce his \$10 million bail on theft charges. Rewald is being held in the Oahu Community Correctional Center. —Star-Bulletin Photo by Ken Sakamoto.

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## Suicide Note Entered as Evidence

## Won't Trim Rewald's Continued from Page One copy of a handwritten note from Rewald, which was found on a table in the hotel room. IN THE NOTE, addressed to his wife. Nancy, Rewald wrote. "It never dawned on me that I would be influent to hurt anyone, some any pray the truth will—be. The note also contains—an apparent reference to Rewald's claims that he or his company was somehow connected to the CIA or some other government agency. "I started out working for our was abandoned was abandoned when others feared for their jobs." Rewald abandoned when others feared for their jobs. Rewald wrote. "It never dawned on me that I would be left alone and unprotected." Rewald ended the note, writing for our cawned to me that I would be left alone and unprotected." Rewald ended the note, writing for our awas of the hotel room, the note was found placed neatly on a table along with \$100 in cash and two were those that Rewald had apparent reference to Rewalds as the hotel room the note was found placed neatly on a table along with \$100 in cash and two were those that Rewald had "neatly folded over the chairs." Starshack said last night that to comment on why Rewald referred was formed about his office would violate his attorney-client relationship. He did say that it was personal methods and physical well-being. \*\*ALTHOUGH Rewald recovered from his wounds after a week in the hospital, authorities apparent by still are worred about his mental and physical well-being. \*\*ALTHOUGH Rewald recovered from his wounds after a week in the hospital, authorities apparent his wounds after a week in the hospital, authorities apparent his wounds after a week in the hospital, authorities apparent his wounds after a week in the hospital, authorities apparent his wounds after a week in the hospital, authorities apparent his wounds after a week in the hospital, authorities apparent his wounds after a week in the hospital, authorities apparent his wounds after a week in the hospital, authorities apparent his wounds after a week in the hospital authorities a

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ALTHOUGH Rewald recovered from his wounds after a week in the hospital, authorities apparently still are worried about his mental and physical well-being. In court yesterday, Rewald, unshaven and dressed in a long-sleeved blue sweatshirt and long pants, barely raised his head throughout the hearing.

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Peter Wolff, representing Rewald at the bali-reduction hearing, acknowledged that there always is risk of flight for a person who has gone "from the pinnacle of success to the jail-house in short order."

But Wolff said that, with adequate bail — he suggested \$100.000 — and further restrictions ordered by the court, Judge Chang could be assured that Rewald would appear for his trial and also be free to help track down the assets needed to pay off some 400 investors.

Wolff said there was no evidence that Rewald was a threat to himself.

It' acknowledged the charges